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1. The Kysucke Nove Mesto plant of the Lisen Precision Engineering Works (Zavody presneho Strojarenstva Lisen), Kysucke Nove Mesto (Q 50/X 52), is located close to the railroad station in that town, lying on the western side of the Kysucke Nove Mesto - Stara Bystrica (Q 50/X 73) railroad line. The plant is bounded in the north by the wooded Taber Hill, in the southeast by the railroad line mentioned above, in the south by the district highway between Kysucke Nove Mesto and Neslusa (Q 50/O 93), and in the west by the eastern slope of the Stranie Hill.
2. Construction of the plant began in 1950 and the greater part of it was completed in autumn 1951. The buildings occupy an area of 600 by 400 meters and are surrounded by a fence two meters high. Near the gate to the Kysucke Nove Mesto - Neslusa district highway is the gatekeeper's lodge, which is four by five by three meters in size. Along the railroad there is a ferro-concrete skeleton structure 60 by 30 by 10 meters in size, with a ferro-concrete roof. When completed, this building will be the storehouse of the plant. About 50 meters to the west there is a two-story building containing offices and the directorate of the plant. This building is 50 by 30 meters in size.
3. To the north of these two buildings there is a large ferro-concrete hall 80 by 100 by 60 meters in size. Farther to the north is the boiler house, with three high pressure boilers.
4. The construction work is being done by 150 men, 100 of whom are brigade workers, under the supervision of employees of the Kysucke Nove Mesto plant of the Czechoslovak Construction Works (Ceskoslovenske stavebny zavody - CSSZ) and of the regional plant of Industrial Constructions (Prumyslove stavby) at Banska Bystrica.
5. About 800 workmen employed in this plant since 1951 were transferred here from other, so-called non-productive branches of industry. The majority of the employees are women. They were trained for this work by some 50 or 60 experts and specialists

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from the Brno Armament Works (Zbrojovka Brno). At the time of observation, these instructors were chiefly serving as foremen and heads of departments. The plant also employed 15 men from the First Brno Machine Shops (První brněnské strojírný), who were used in setting up machinery in the plant.

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6. Seventy percent of the plant's equipment was transferred from the Brno Armament Works, while about 30 percent consists of new machines imported [redacted]. The machinery is installed in a large hall and arranged for use in assembly line production. It is believed that assembly line production could start six months from the time of observation. The plant has the following machinery:
  - a. A rather large number of broaching machines of all kinds.
  - b. Precision grinding machines made by Kamenicek, Prague.<sup>1</sup>
  - c. Horizontal and vertical milling machines.
  - d. 50 or 60 capstan lathes.
  - e. Pillar and spindle drilling machines.
  - f. Shaping machines.
  - g. Several vertical revolving lathes.
  - h. About 20 presses with as many as five plates and ranging up to pressures of 90 kilograms.
7. Electricity is supplied by the Kysucke Nove Mesto power station. However, it is to come eventually from the hydroelectric power station under construction at the new dam near Kysucke Nove Mesto.
8. Finished machine parts are shipped over a railroad spur line that was laid from the nearby main lines.
9. Some of the precision engineering program of the Brno Armament Works has been transferred to the Kysucke Nove Mesto plant. This includes the manufacture of micrometers and slide rules of all sorts, as well as ball bearings and parts for aircraft instruments.
10. The plant was built under the Five-year Plan and was to begin production by the second half of 1951. Under the plan, about 3,000 workers were to be transferred here. At the beginning of 1952, the production plan was only being fulfilled by 70%, chiefly because of the lack of specialized workmen such as fine mechanics and tool makers. Time is required for training such workers. [redacted] 50X1-HUM  
[redacted] the plant can fulfill its production plan in 1953, either, for the same reason. The lack of these specialists is the greatest problem of the Kysucke Nove Mesto plant, as the Lisen plant of the Precision Engineering Works in Brno continues to operate and not many of its experts can be transferred. 50X1-HUM
11. Workers' morale was not very high; only about 30% of the employees were really convinced and active Communists. A number of employees resented their transfer to this plant. 50X1-HUM
1. [redacted] Comment: J. Kamenicek and Co., Prague XII, is listed in Znarodneny Prumysl v Ceskoslovensku (Nationalized Industries in Czechoslovakia), of 1947, as having been incorporated into United Machine Tool Factories (Spojene tovarny na obrabeci stroje - TOS), National Enterprise, on 1 January 1946.

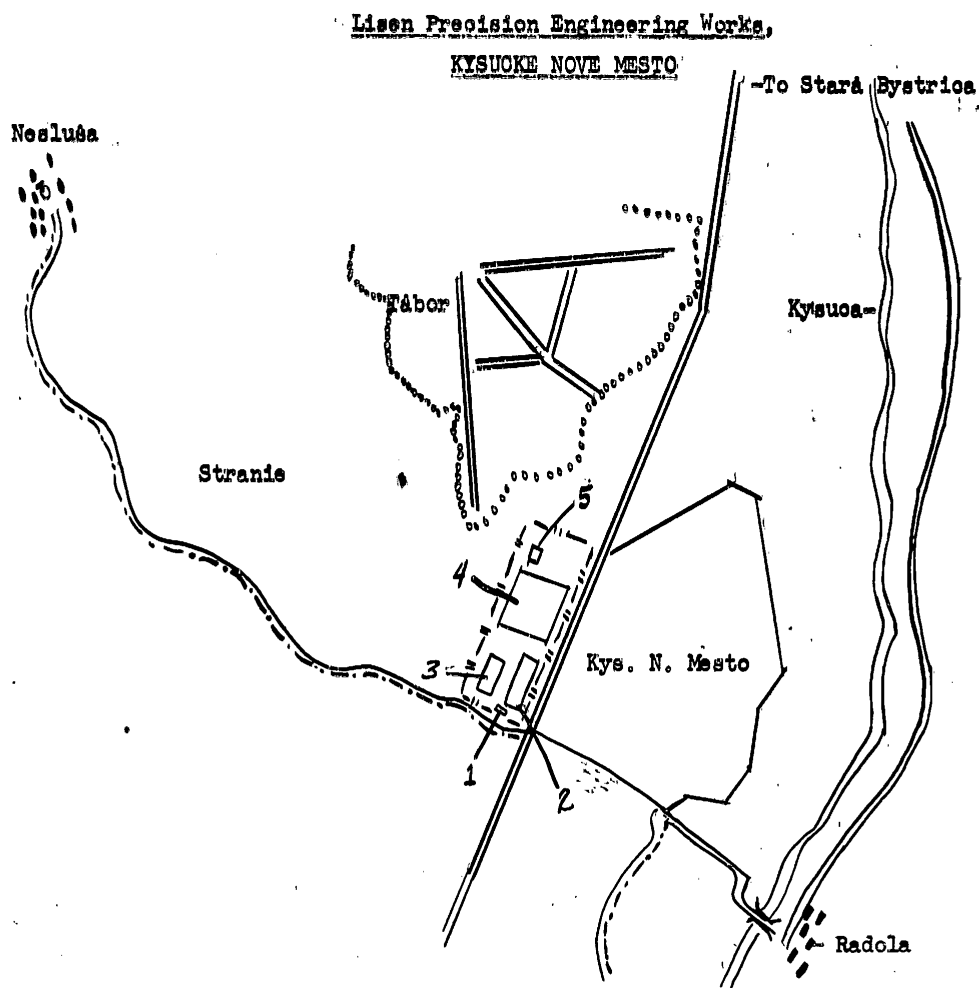
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- LEGEND:
1. Two meter fence, with a gatekeeper's lodge.
  2. Storage of building material.
  3. Offices and directorate of the plant.
  4. Production hall.
  5. Boiler room.



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